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‘Operation Broken Heart’ Yields 56 Arrests In Maryland

Maryland State Police Investigators Arrest 21 Suspects In Three-Month Initiative

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(COLUMBIA, Md.) – Maryland’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force arrested 35 suspects in Maryland, nine of whom were arrested by Maryland State Police investigators, while participating in “Operation Broken Heart,” a nationwide, three-month initiative that targeted offenders involved in child sexual exploitation.

The Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) was one of 61 task forces included in “Operation Broken Heart.” Members from the Maryland ICAC worked tirelessly throughout March, April and May, initiating 426 investigations. Investigators served 149 search warrants and made 56 arrests. There were also public outreach and training sessions, which reached nearly 780 people.

The coordinated effort by law enforcement involved more than 4,500 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with the purpose of arresting child predators, along with internet safety education

operation, the task forces delivered more than 3,700 presentations on Internet safety to over 390,000 youth and adults nationally.

The Maryland ICAC Task Force is comprised of police agencies statewide. They concentrated on those offenders who possess, manufacture, and distribute child pornography and who engage in online enticement of children for sexual purposes. They also targeted crimes including child prostitution and violators traveling abroad to sexually abuse foreign children.

The primary mission of the Task Force continues to be to protect children from computer-facilitated sexual exploitation. This goal is achieved by cooperation between law enforcement agencies and prosecutors as they combine resources to combat these crimes. Additionally, the Task Force also provides community awareness campaigns helping to prevent the spread of these crimes through education.



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Safety Tip of the Month

Simple steps can keep you safe!

If you're going to drink alcohol, pace yourself. Drink slower and eat in between alcoholic drinks. It takes the body 60 to 90 minutes to fully feel the effects of alcohol on a full stomach.



MSP Tackling Underage Drinking, Impaired Driving With 'Lose the Booze' Initiative

(EASTON, Md.) — As graduating high school seniors are heading down to Ocean City for Senior Week and more people are planning summer vacations, Maryland State Police are ready for an expected increase in underage, impaired, aggressive and distracted drivers on the Eastern Shore.

Under the "Lose the Booze" campaign in June, troopers from the Easton Barrack conducted 3,854 total traffic stops, issued 1,633 citations and 2,956 warnings. Troopers also issued 116 civil citations, recorded 43 DUI arrests, 26 adult drug arrests and 27 warrant arrests. Other agencies that are assisting State Police in Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline counties are the Easton Police Department, Talbot

County Sheriff's Office and the Caroline County Sheriff's Office.

Among the other Maryland State Police units that are participating in the campaign are the State Police Impaired Driving Effort (SPIDRE) team, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Motor Unit and K-9 Unit. The increased effort to combat underage, impaired, aggressive and distracted driving will continue throughout the summer.

According to state law, those under 21 cited for possession of alcohol could be fined up to \$500.

Those cited for supplying alcohol to those under 21 could be fined up to \$2,500 in Maryland.

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Maryland State Trooper, Orioles Provide Game Experience To Outstanding Baltimore City Public Schools Students

(PIKESVILLE, Md.) — A group of well-deserving students from a Baltimore City school had the chance to attend a recent Orioles game thanks to the hard work of a trooper and the generosity of the team.

The group of students from Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts attended the Orioles game against the Boston Red Sox on June 13 at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. The experience was organized by TFC Mark Mross, who has partnered with the school since 2016.

The mission of the program is to improve the relationship between the public and police in historically underserved communities by creating a school program which recognizes and awards exceptionally positive actions. The Orioles donated 150 tickets, along with hats, T-shirts, food and transportation for the game.

The students selected for the experience were recognized and rewarded for their extraordinary actions and positive behavior. Through this experience, the hope is to promote future engagement in positive behaviors among youth both in and outside of the school. When the police and the communities they serve work together, good things can happen.

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PHOTOS: Maryland State Troopers Take Baltimore City Students To Orioles Game



TFC Mark Moss organized the effort to take students from Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts to an Orioles game on June 13. Other troopers who helped make the effort possible were : Sgt. Matthw Allen, Cpl. Bryan Sorenson, Cpl. Scott Zink (and K9 Rebel), Master Trooper Rodney Byrd, TFC Khris Rowe, TFC Tyrese Braxton and TFC Chase.



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On June 6, 2018, troopers from the Maryland State Police joined allied law enforcement officers for the Carroll County leg of the Maryland Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Each department teamed up with a Special Olympics athlete from the county. The Maryland State Police Westminster Barrack was proud to team up with Josh Smith, the son of retired TFC Chuck Smith and his wife Amy. Chuck was a long-time Aviation Command flight paramedic. Josh has been a Special Olympics athlete more than 30 years and has competed and won medals in county, state and international games.

Since its inception in 1986, the MD Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised over \$40 million to support Special Olympics MD. The Maryland State Police is proud to help organize the MSP Polar Bear Plunge and the MSP/NRP Deep Creek Dunk, which are Torch Run events and raise money to support the year-round sports training and competition provided free-of-charge to children and adults with intellectual disabilities by Special Olympics MD. Special Olympics is the adopted charity of law enforcement around the world.

PHOTO (L to R): Lt. Rebecca Bosley, commander of the Westminster Barrack, presents Josh Smith with a one-of-a-kind badge saluting his courage and commitment as an athlete. The badge was made by Sgt. Myers of the MD State Police Special Operations Division.

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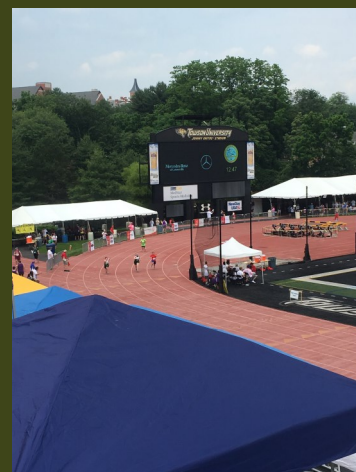


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PHOTOS: 2018 Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games At Towson University



From June 8-10, about 1,500 competitors converged on the campus of Towson University for the 2018 Special Olympics MD Summer Games. The athletes from across Maryland competed in sports ranging from track and field to swimming to softball. Maryland State troopers were among the law enforcement personnel on hand to volunteer.



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Maryland, Virginia Police Departments Partner For Move Over Education, Enforcement Campaign

(PIKESVILLE, Md.) — Maryland State Police Washington Metro Troop partnered with other law enforcement agencies in Virginia as part of a Move Over law education and enforcement campaign in June.

The goal of the campaign, which ran from June 17-23, was to inform the public about the importance of the Move Over law while helping keep the roads safe for law enforcement officers and motorists alike.

During the campaign, the Washington Metro Troop, which includes the Forestville, Rockville and College Park barracks, conducted 623 traffic stops, issued 469 citations and 371 warnings while arresting 16 for DUI, four for CDS violations and 11 arrests for outstanding warrants.

In Maryland, the law requires drivers approaching from the rear an emergency vehicle using visual signals while stopped on a highway to, if possible, make a lane change into an available lane not immedi-

In Maryland, a violation of the Move Over law is a primary offense with a fine of \$110 and one point. If the violation contributes to a traffic crash, the fine is \$150 and three points. If the violation contributes to a traffic crash resulting in death or serious injury, the fine is \$750 and three points.

ately adjacent to the emergency vehicle.

If moving to another lane away from the stopped emergency vehicle is not possible, the law requires drivers to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions. The intent of the Move Over law is to provide an extra

barrier of safety for police officers, fire fighters, and emergency rescue personnel working along Maryland roads.

All 50 states have enacted some sort of Move Over law. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 138 law enforcement officers were struck and killed on the nation's highways between 2003 and 2013.

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In Virginia, those participating included the Virginia State Police, along with the Fairfax County Police Department, the Arlington County Police Department, the Alexandria Police Department, the Prince William County Police Department and the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

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Frederick Barrack Participates In 'Border to Border' Enforcement

The Maryland State Police Frederick Barrack participated in a special enforcement effort called "Border to Border." This operation from June 8-10 consisted of state police agencies along US 15 and US 17 from New York to Florida.

Troopers, including members of the Motorcycle Unit, were visible along the US 15 corridor conducting traffic and criminal enforcement. Special drug sniffing K9s assisted troopers as they sought to reduce drug transports, especially those transports involving heroin.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division also conducted inspections to ensure commercial truck safety. This operation was also an effort to reduce fatalities and serious crashes as traffic volumes increase in the summer.

In conjunction with the "Border to Border" patrol, the Maryland State Police and the Frederick Police Department work collaboratively to conduct a sobriety checkpoint along northbound US 15.

The goal was to educate drivers of the dangers associated with drinking and driving.

Capital Beltway CVED Conducts Annual Enforcement Initiative At FedEx Field

The Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division conducted a combined law enforcement commercial vehicle enforcement and inspection initiative from June 5 to 7 at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

The effort was part of the North American Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) annual International Road Check. During the 72-hour CVSA initiative, law enforcement agencies from Canada, Mexico and the US inspected commercial motor vehicles with an emphasis on cargo securement.

During the CVED operation, commercial vehicles were directed from the Capital Beltway into the FedEx inspection location that covered all four parking lots for the all-day operation.

This year, the CVED Road Check included 1,100 inspections with 236 vehicles and 52 drivers taken out of service over the 72-hour span. The CVED initiative is one of the largest one-day inspection operations in North America. The Maryland State Police were assisted by seven state, local and federal agencies during the operation.



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Golden Ring Barrack Launches Virtual Food Drive For Maryland Food Bank

(MIDDLE RIVER, MD)

- In an effort to support children who may go hungry during summer months and assist the Maryland Food Bank during a period when food donations can decrease, the members of the Maryland State Police Golden Ring Barrack launched a virtual food drive to address this community need.

The month-long effort began on June 20. Those wishing to donate can do so online, where they are provided options for the type of food they would



like to donate, based on a determination by the Maryland Food Bank regarding what items are most needed. This helps ensure the right foods needed by the most people are obtained. People may also choose to donate any dollar amount under the "general donation" category.

"The Maryland State Police Golden Ring Barrack is committed to supporting the community we serve," Lt. Diane Hansen, commander of the Golden Ring Barrack said. "We recognize that when summer comes, many children are forced to go without the daily meals they had been provided at school. No child should go hungry, so the

Golden Ring Barrack has decided to hold a virtual food drive to supplement the Maryland Food Bank during the summer months."

The generosity of Marylanders is well-known and on display every day in our state. To donate to this virtual food drive, go to <https://fooddrive.mdfoodbank.org/golden-ring-barrack/>.

The Golden Ring Barrack virtual food drive will continue through July 20. Donations can be made at any time during the month. Please join the troopers and civilian employees of the Golden Ring Barrack in supporting this important cause.



Trooper Changes Tire For Elderly Woman In La Plata

(LA PLATA, Md.) — On June 13, Senior Trooper Scarlett spotted a woman in need of assistance. He pulled over and offered to change the tire on her car for her. A citizen captured the moment and shared it on social media. When the citizen thanked him for his service, Senior Trooper Scarlett looked up at and said, "I'm glad I could be here to help."

(Photo and Facebook post originally by Bryan Mays)



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